

STILL LACK FUNDS FOR BIG PEACE FETE

Otherwise Plans for Celebration Here on Independence Day Are Complete.

All that is needed now to make plans complete for the big peace celebration on Independence day, Friday, is a speeding up in contributions toward the \$10,000, which is Washington's share of the bill for the event. Thousands of dollars have been spent by representatives of a score of nations on the floats that are to represent them in the parade.

Contributions should be sent to the finance committee, R. W. Hynson, chairman, 741 15th street northwest.

Rehearsing Tableaux.

Hundreds of young women will spend the next few days in final rehearsals for the series of tableaux

which go to make up the celebration. Each tableau will be staged in front of some government building in the vicinity of the Monument grounds.

The tableaux will take place between 5 and 7 o'clock in the afternoon and will be so timed that the spectators can move from one to another.

At 7 o'clock all the performers in the tableaux will join in the elaborate pageant of floats which will parade along Pennsylvania avenue to the plaza on the east side of the Capitol. There the celebration will be brought to a climax with an allegorical play on the Capitol steps.

Czechoslovak Float.

The float which is to represent the Czechoslovak republic in the Fourth of July pageant is symbolic of the fulfillment of the prophecy made by the Princess Libuse in the seventh century. "My beloved nation shall not perish; it shall all afflictions overcome."

According to the legend, the Princess Libuse reigned in the seventh century and was a woman not only of great beauty, but of extraordinary wisdom.

It was said that never but once did the council of the elders doubt her wisdom, and that was on the occasion when she announced her decision to marry. The council wished to select a husband for her, but to their chagrin she resolutely rejected all their suggestions, and then to their amazement married a humble toiler in the fields. This toiler became a great king, and was the founder of

the Přemysl dynasty which brought prosperity and power to the ancient empire of Bohemia.

The essentially democratic thinking of the Czechoslovaks is well illustrated by this story. The first great accomplishments in their history as nation builders were achieved by a race which sprang directly from the soil. The float was designed by J. C. Vendrous. The soldiers bearing the shields are clothed in the uniforms of the American, the British, the French and the Italian armies. This symbolizes the fact that the republic was created and brought into being by men who, to fight against their oppressors and the spirit of Hapsburg tyranny, enlisted in every army of the allies. More than 50,000 Czechoslovaks in America, for instance, enlisted in the Army of the United States of volunteers between April and June, 1917. The same is true of Great Britain, and many thousands of men surrendered to the Italian army in order to fight against the Austro-German forces.

Grateful for Belgium's Deliverance.

BRUSSELS, June 29.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth this morning attended a service of national thanksgiving for the deliverance of Belgium. Cardinal Mercier officiated and paid a tribute to the king and queen and the others who remained in the country during the period of occupation. King Albert and Queen Elizabeth received an ovation.

COLLECTING ASHES MAY STOP TONIGHT

Unless Congress Passes Third Deficiency Bill Today Service Will End.

Unless the third deficiency bill is passed by Congress today Washington's ash collection service will stop tonight.

The contract of James W. Bean, the present ash collector, expires at midnight tonight. Authority is given the Commissioners in the deficiency bill to take over this service as a municipal function, thereby ending the contract system.

Plans have been made for the transfer, but they cannot be put into effect until the bill is passed, inasmuch as this is the light season of the year, as far as ash collecting is concerned. The situation does not present serious difficulties.

Wheels of the District government will turn as in the past if Congress

does not enact the usual appropriation measure today. A continuing resolution, appropriating one-twelfth of the funds granted for the current year to carry the District through July, is the plan Congress is expected to follow if the appropriation bill continues in deadlock.

Institutions such as the workhouse and reformatories are in need of food, but it is anticipated these wants can be filled temporarily through the placing of contracts with the understanding that the money will be paid when the appropriations are provided.

District Owes \$65,000.

Already, the District owes local dealers something like \$65,000 on account of contracts for supplies entered into on this basis. The money with which these obligations will be satisfied is appropriated in the third deficiency bill.

As salary payments will not have to be met before the middle of July, the Commissioners are not much concerned over this feature. They believe the District bill will be a law before that time.

What is regarded as the most serious feature of the bill is the reduction of pay given operatives at the water and sewerage pumping stations. In some instances the salary cuts amount to \$80 a year.

The Commissioners have requested Congress to remove the matter in another appropriation measure, and strong hope is felt this will be done. Otherwise, there is grave danger of resignations of employees in these institutions, which would seriously menace the health and safety of all the citizens of Washington.

ARMY BILL IS CUT 120 MILLION IN CONFERENCE

So States Chairman Kahn as Measure Comes Up for Discussion in the House.

The conference report on the Army appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning tomorrow is under discussion in the House this afternoon. Chairman Kahn stated that the bill as it comes out of the conference carries about \$50,000,000 more than as it passed the House. The House bill, \$170,000,000 was added in the Senate, so that the conference really cut off about \$120,000,000.

Agreement Reached on Bill.

With the average size of the Army for the coming fiscal year fixed at 225,000 officers and men, House and Senate conferees, following a long session, reached an agreement early yesterday on the \$888,000,000 Army appropriation bill.

As finally agreed on the bill will permit the War Department to complete negotiations for real estate upon which cantonments or government buildings have been built or to complete the construction of buildings already commenced, if within the government's interests to do so. Senate amendments, however, were adopted shutting off appropriations now being used in the construction of Camp Benning, Ga., and Camp Bragg, N. C., which were to be used as machine gun and artillery schools, respectively. The War Department, however, has requested that the Senate amend the bill to provide for the construction of the Curtis Airplane Company at Buffalo, N. Y., both of which were to be used in experimental aeronautical work. The Senate provision providing for the establishment of a dirigible station at Burlington, N. J., also was rejected.

ADMITS NOT STERILIZING GLASSES FOR A YEAR

Health inspectors have discovered a particularly flagrant case of uncleanness in a delicatessen store. On being questioned by inspectors the proprietor of the store admitted that his glasses and spoons had not been sterilized for more than a year. One near-beer place and five more barber shops were found not up to the standard in sterilization and cleanliness, and warrants will be asked for the arrest of the proprietors. The health department will continue its efforts to clean up the city in matters of this kind.

Urges Congress to Hear de Valera.

Consent of Congress to permit Dr. Eamon de Valera, provisional president of the Irish republic, to present his plea for recognition of Ireland as a free nation was urged in resolutions adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Friends of Irish Freedom in Gonzaga Hall last night. Rosa F. Downing, president of the organization, in the principal speech of the meeting, asserted that section 10 of the proposed covenant of the league of nations was designed to keep Ireland in the condition of subjugation she has endured for the last 750 years.

LID SCREWED DOWN ON QUESTIONNAIRES

All Information in Them Is Kept Secret From Curious Public.

Questionnaires filled out recently by 104,000 government employees here for the joint congressional commission on reclassification of salaries in the District are being held in strictest confidence by the commission.

This assurance today by officials of the commission will come as welcome news to those suspicious ones who have been wondering who might see all these questionnaires that were answered by the federal workers. No body is coming to see them except the commission.

Like Draft Questionnaires.

Much the same question arose in connection with the draft questionnaires. Of course, the questions answered by those who registered in the draft were a great deal more personal in every way than the limited number of questions which the salary commission asked the federal employees to answer.

Draft officials of the nation solved the question of the sacredness of the questionnaires by making it an offense even to show the documents to those who were not authorized to see them. And then, too, there were so many of these documents that they became lost to general view anyway, and anybody "snooping" around just to see what he could see would have had a hard time on general principles, and usually had his troubles for his pains into the bargain.

No Facts Are Let Out.

No particular rules and regulations are deemed necessary in handling the questionnaires filled out by the government employees here, but every precaution against their misuse is being taken by the commission. No curious visitors are welcomed, and anyone who wants to know what Miss So-and-so is earning had better go and ask Miss So-and-so right to her face, because the questionnaires would stand a much better chance getting the information that way than trying to get it out of the joint commission.

You Can't Find Out.

You may be able to get some information out of a government report. If you try real hard you can draw knowledge out of ninety-nine pages of statistics. You may be able to get grousches on street cars every morning, and you may be able to get somebody else's questionnaire. But you can't get information about anybody else from somebody else's questionnaire, the commission says. "Nothing" do it.

COSSACKS TAKE MANY RUSS REDS AND GUNS

—The army of Kuban Cossacks, operating in the bend of the Don river, has captured 4,000 bolsheviks and ten guns. The Cossacks, who also are advancing northward, have captured 1,500 prisoners and three armored trains.

The Don Cossacks have occupied Millerovo and broken the bolshevik front north of Millerovo.

In their successful advance the Kuban Cossacks put to rout four infantry and two cavalry regiments of the bolshevik forces.

West of Ekaterinodar the bolsheviks have been defeated on the Kertch peninsula on the eastern end of the Crimea.

MAN AFLAME IN CELL.

During the "quiet" watch, at 2 o'clock this morning, an outcry of "fire, fire!" roused the desk sergeant at the second precinct. Smoke was pouring from a cell in the rear of the station. Investigation showed that Saul F. Marshall, a prisoner charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, had set himself on fire. A bucket of water drenched the prisoner and extinguished the blaze.

He was taken to the Washington Asylum Hospital for treatment of burns on his right side. The fire had been occasioned by the dropping of a lighted cigarette on the prisoner's overalls. His condition is painful, but not serious.

BORN.

BAKER. To Margaret and Thomas L. Baker, on Tuesday, June 24, 1919, at 331 K st. n. e., a son, DANIEL W. BAKER.

MARRIED.

BRENNER-DREW. On Saturday, June 28, 1919, at Mount Vernon Place Church, by Rev. C. S. Campbell, Mr. BRENNER and Miss ALICE L. DREW.

DIED.

BAKER. A special meeting of Martha Chaparr, No. 4, O. E. S., will be held Monday, June 30, 1919, at 1:30 p. m., at the home of attending the funeral of Sister MARY F. BAKER. By order of the W. M. MARION W. McCATHAN, Secretary, 307

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